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Fig. 3 is the view of figure 2 further showing a tank or pond and aqueous solution.

Fig. 4 is the view of Figure 2 further showing an anchor.

Fig. 5 is the view of Figure 2 further showing an anchoring trench."

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 2 after "disposed" delete --through--.

Sub E3 5. A pond cover comprising:

a plurality of panels; and

means for linking and de-linking the panels comprising openings defined

in the panels and [means for] substantially oval-shaped loops

interconnecting the adjacent panels through adjacent openings in

the panels [with a loop].

was concept 1770 The pond cover of claim [13] 5 wherein the means for [interconnecting] linking

and delinking comprises:

at least one fastener inserted through at least one opening; and

means for securing a portion of the fastener in [a] one loop.

Claim 18, line 2 delete "interconnecting means" and insert --fastener--.

Sub E9

38. A method of manipulating a pond cover comprising the steps of:

forming a plurality of panels defining openings;

linking adjacent panels through adjacent openings with at least one loop,

the loop being substantially oval-shaped; and

de-linking the plurality of panels.

Claim 37, line 1 delete "36", insert --28--.

Claim 37, line 1, delete "defining", insert --forming--.

Claim 38, line 1 delete "36", insert --28--.

Claim 38, line 1, delete "defining", insert --forming--.

Claim 39, line 1, delete "36", insert --28--.

Sub E9

40. The method of claim [36] 28 wherein the step of [interconnecting] forming a loop further comprises the step of:

inserting a cable through at least one loop forming at least one fastener;

[inserting at least one fastener through at least one opening].

Claim 41, line 1, delete "interconnecting" insert --forming a loop--.